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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair and continued warm.

WHEEL OR KEEL!

Wheel, or keel, its all the same level from the Inland Empire to Astoria!

This is the pregnant fact upon which we rely for the development of the Astoria situation, as nature planned it. Nothing matters so long as this vital key remains in our hands; not even the good news that reached Portland yesterday from Bremen, Germany, announcing that the International Sailing-Ship Owners' Association had cancelled the differential of 30 cents per cargo ton that has prevailed against the Port of Portland for the past four years; not even the possible favorable decision in the matter of the Port of Columbia law, now in course of judicial review; not even the overwhelming influences of the metropolis, past, present, or future, shall discourage, disconcert or dismay us. We have as keen an appreciation, in Astoria, for signs and signals of commercial significance as any other community in the state, and are familiar with the whole scheme of misdirection that has kept us from our own all these years and our faith is pinned to the certainty of the nearness and actuality of a new and invincible program to be put into effect by master hands that are consistently, and logically, successful.

We can easily abide the short interval that is ahead of us, in this great and closing climax; the pendulum is swinging our way at last, and we are not the only ones to mark its suggestive, Astoria-weighted movement; there are those who have kept it busy in other directions for countless years, but time and the unexpected interposition of strange and impregnable forces, are about to compel a relinquishment; the balances are turning inevitably where nature and the best of human wisdom have coalesced in the determination of Astoria as the sea port of the Columbia basin; the day of adjustment is at hand, and this port figures, at last, in the calculations that must govern from now on.

River, or rail, it's all the same to us how the grain of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana reaches the ship at Astoria. We know what our class and alignment is to be in the near future, and that it comprehends all we have deserved and desired all the years that are gone. The water-level haul from Snake river to North Head is the solvent to which the commerce of this great basin is about to succumb finally, and in perpetuity.

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The Abuse of the "Monroe Doctrine."

By RICHARD OLNEY,
Ex-Secretary of State of the United States.



WITHIN a comparatively short time strange doctrines have been officially and unofficially announced and given prestige and currency by being described as the Monroe doctrine or as NECESSARY COROLLARIES from it. Under these new doctrines it is intimated that if an American state does not behave itself well in either its external or internal relations—good behavior according to OUR OWN STANDARDS, of course—it may be forced by the United States and coerced into doing the right thing, but if necessary may have its revenue sequestered and applied by the United States according to the latter's notions of justice and equity.

It is too plain for discussion that the Monroe doctrine cannot be invoked in support of any such pretensions; that they are seriously objectionable as calculated to wound the pride AND EXCITE THE ENMITY of all other American states and as committing the United States to undertakings of the most vexatious, burdensome and DANGEROUS character.

Our institutions will surely live and our people continue to prosper without the United States converting itself into an INTERNATIONAL POLICEMAN for the American continents or into a debt collecting agency for the benefit of foreign creditor states and their citizens. That the new doctrines, particularly if urged by officials in high places, must have unfortunate tendencies is clear.

THEY ARE CALCULATED TO PUT THE UNITED STATES IN THE ODDIOUS POSITION OF A POSSESSOR OF ENORMOUS POWER WHO IS EAGERLY LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITY TO EXERT IT.

They make us apparently oblivious to the truth that to have a giant's strength is excellent, BUT TO USE IT LIKE A GIANT is tyrannous, and they seem to be the outcome of views which are likely to retard rather than advance the development of international law, which, in modern times, founds itself not only upon the arbitrary will of a Caesar or of any potentate or state however mighty, but on the CONSENT of the society of states, expressed or implied.

The United States is now exerting a great public work on territory which but recently was the property of a sister republic.

THERE IS NO PRETENSE THAT THAT REPUBLIC EVER PARTED WITH ITS TERRITORY VOLUNTARILY.

The territory was practically expropriated by the United States, claiming—and it is the best justification the circumstances afford—to act as the "mandatory of civilization," but if the United States is to be deemed to have held a mandate from civilization to sequester Colombian soil for a great public work it should also be deemed to have held a mandate to see that Colombia was DULY COMPENSATED, otherwise civilization stands revealed as an objectionable personage quite insensible to the more elementary claims of JUSTICE.

THE HOME-KNOCKER.

It is not a pleasant theme, this question of the local knocker! It is one we would rather not touch upon, out of respect to the community, to which no advantage accrues by the published fact that it contains anything of the sort; but "needs must when the 'home-knocker' drives." The man who is so bedeviled with the hopelessness of things for him in his home town, would better cultivate the knack of silence rather than work off his grouch at the expense of the place to which he owes the common duty of friendliness and good citizenship; it will pay him, and the town, in the long run, and keep his conscience clear. If Astorians may kick at Astoria then the world has a target set up for it and must not be children if it shoots long and hard and meanly.

It is no bid for a stranger's respect to deliberately besmean the place one lives in, but rather invites his contempt, since he is not likely to make any allowance for misrepresentation when such a tale comes from the lips of a citizen; it becomes ugly truth at once.

whether it is, or not; it may be an exaggeration inspired by a moment's ill-humor and have no real significance in fact, but the utterance of the slam convinces the outsider and leaves him with a poor opinion of the "bird that becauls its own nest."

There are far too many people here given to this reckless habit of disparaging Astoria just because something is done in a public, or quasi-public way that does not suit their fancy, and this creed is indited for their exclusive benefit. Names nor circumstances are not necessary; the shoe will fit a goodly number of feet, and if it pinches a bit, the pinchee will have due knowledge of the fact that we are referring directly and surely to him.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A Georgia militia regiment ran a sham battle in opposition to a ball game and lost \$500. War is not sufficiently Shermanized to be popular unless they can have an umpire.

Doubtless the news from Boise, will be humdrum now there is only a murder trial, but the sensations were thrilling while they lasted.

Legislative leaders in New York are willing to adjourn, feeling they have stayed long enough to get quite thoroughly acquainted with the Governor.

On the whole, the open car and the straw hat are all right, when properly combined with the essential overcoat.

Russia, Great Britain and Japan are about to enter into an agreement. Such an alliance would produce many advantages for the participants and they could do about as they pleased with the trade of the Orient.

In the springtime telephone companies lightly turn to thoughts of franchisees in the provincial cities, which they can sell later at a good profit to established companies.

Wouldn't it be a good idea for every bank and trust company to maintain a private detective force to shield employees from temptation?

Among the general crop news the crop of rumors has suffered none.

Wouldn't Secretary Taft make a jolly drummer?

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SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER.

INDIGESTION.

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